[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(*c*) The department for a time gave a grant to the school, but made no promise as to its indefinite continuance.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) This can be decided only after the enquiry referred to in the answer to part (*a*) is concluded.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery* cum *Minachil*): Will the Government be pleased to state when the enquiry began and when it is likely to be over?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Serving of Processes in District Courts.

101. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): In view of the civil circular on the subject, will the Government be pleased to ascertain from the High Court and lay on the table the average percentage of personal service by a process-serving peon in any District Court, preferably the Kottayam District Court?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the required information is placed on the table.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know why the details regarding the Trivandrum District Court are not available?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are not found in the statement furnished to the Government.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know whether the member in charge will call for the details and also for explanation as to why the details are not available?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The details have not been called for. They will be called for.

Process-Servers in Civil Courts.

102. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Has any notice been taken of the conduct of the process-servers who have fallen far below the percentage fixed by the High Court for personal service?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Due notice, in the shape of warnings and fines, has been taken by all the District Courts, except Kottayam, of the conduct of process-servers whose work has fallen far below the percentage fixed by the High Court. The High Court is taking the necessary action in regard to the omission on the part of the District Judge, Kottayam, to take notice of the failure of the process-servers of his court to work up to the prescribed percentage.

* *Vide* Appendix V—page 418.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is there any case of dismissal on account of chronic disobedience on the part of any process-server whose work has fallen far below the percentage fixed by the High Court?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No information is available.

Enhancement of Tree-tax in Cochin.

103. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Cochin Government have been addressed to enhance the tree-tax as far as practicable, and, if so, with what result?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that, while the Cochin Government levy a low tree-tax, it is made up by a large rental which equalises the price of toddy in the bordering taluks of Cochin and Travancore?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Cochin Government was addressed with a view to enhance the rates of tree-tax prevailing in Cochin. As a result, that Government has now raised the tree-tax as follows:—

Cocoanut	...	Bh. Rs. 2 per year.
Palmyra	...	Annas 12 per year.
Chundapana	...	Bh. Rs. 4 per year.

(*b*) Government are not aware.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that in the coming contract the tree-tax has been raised to the same level as that in Travancore?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The latest figures known have been given in the answer.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that in the coming year the tree-tax has to be enhanced to the same level as in Travancore?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

PRESIDENT: You mean the Cochin Government, Mr. Hoogewerf?

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Yes, Sir.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information in the matter.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that the price of toddy in Cochin is the same as the price of toddy in the border of Travancore?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This question was asked by Mr. Hoogewerf himself on a former occasion and it was then answered (*vide* page 344, Vol. IV, of the Legislative Council Proceedings).

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